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# AFGHANISTAN



## Collection this Weekend



OUR  
**PARISH  
PRIEST**  
writes

Christmas is almost upon us and upon the people of Afghanistan. Like us, these Muslim people believe that Jesus was born of Mary. Many of them as refugees may identify closely with Mary giving birth away from home, perhaps in a cave, as well as being forced like Mary into taking refuge in another land.

Certainly, their Christmas will bear no resemblance to ours. The courageous reporting of Margaret Ward on R.T.E. has alerted us to how desperate the situation is on the ground even apart from the terrible bombing. The vivacious competent young woman highlighted the starkness of life for these brothers and sisters of ours with little water, less food and in many cases, no shelter, as the harsh winter comes upon them.

Our weekend collection is an opportunity to send them an early Christmas gift. Please see them as one of the family and contribute what you would spend on a family member's gift. Without you, they may not live to see Christmas. With you, they could see the winter through and God is good for 2002. May God reward you and yours.

*Thomas Delaney*

P.S. In case you have not the money with you, a collection box will be available in this Church on Sunday between 3.00 and 4.00 p.m. and on Monday at Mass times - 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 p.m. Thank you.

## *The Journey of Life*

You and I Lord, began our journey so very long ago.  
Together we have endured through the years.  
You have sweetened all my joys,  
You've brought comfort in my pain.  
We have come so far and yet we have just begun.

You and I Lord have seen darkness.  
There were times when I was lost along the way.  
I've been lonely, I've been frightened,  
I had to learn to trust.  
But You were there by my side, You never let me go.  
You were the light in the night that brought the day.

Thank you for your faithfulness, your strength and your love.  
For gifts and special places and for friends.  
Thank you for drawing me ever closer to you.  
Be with me on the road that lies ahead,  
You and I Lord share life: together we have been and will be.  
My life is yours.  
I am open to the mysteries and wonder of your love. You have sweetened my joys, you have brought comfort in my pain.  
We've come so far and yet we've just begun.





# Bible Corner



## Freedom Fighters – Hebrew Style

Living on a key world trade route for many centuries, the Hebrew people constantly found their little country invaded and overrun. Some occupying forces were interested in fully integrating the Hebrew people into their empire by suppressing their religious customs. When the Greeks tried to do this, it was a step too far. Many Hebrew people remained totally loyal to the God of Abraham, of Isaac and of Jacob and to the traditional religious practices. Mothers continued to circumcise their sons even though they endangered their own lives. Elcazer, a leading teacher of the Law, gave courageous public example by going to his death calling on the young to follow his example. As we read this weekend, a mother and her seven sons did follow this example.



## NOVEMBER SHRINE

Thanks to Carmel O'Shea and Mary O'Herlihy for the beautiful shrine that helped focus our prayers for those gone before us. It is widely appreciated, as is the scroll calligraphy of Mary Cronin, Fiona Riordan and Lynda Mulcahy of Mount Mercy.



## HELPS FOR BIBLE READING

When in trouble or sorrow,  
read John 14; Psalm 46.

When you worry,  
read Matthew 6:19-34.

When you have the blues,  
read Psalm 91.

When God seems far away,  
read Psalm 139.

When you want rest  
and peace,  
read Matthew 11:25-30.

## God's Word

### Readings for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November

#### **First Reading:**

Mal.3:19-20. Those who uphold God's name need have nothing to fear when the world ends.

#### **Psalm 97:**

God will come again to judge with justice: may God's name be praised!

#### **Second Reading:**

2 Thess.3:7-12. A condemnation of laziness.

#### **Gospel:**

Lk.20:5-19. About the end of the world and the second coming of Christ, with words of reassurance.



**NOTICE BOARD**

**REMINDERS....**

(1) Mass for those who died during the past year is on this Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 p.m. Cup of tea in crypt afterwards.

(2) Pastoral Council meeting **8.30 p.m.** on Monday 12<sup>th</sup>.

(3) Readers Group meeting in the church at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November for practical techniques session.

(4) Please take a copy of the Bulletin home or to a neighbour or friend.

**Bulletins to the Homes**

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next weekend.

**Advent Scripture**

With Fr. John Newman at the Dominican Centre, Pope's Quay, on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November, 8.00-10.00 p.m. *'Prepare the Way of the Lord.'* An exploration of the themes of waiting and anticipation in the Advent Scriptures.

*'And you, Bethlehem, from you shall come a ruler.'* An overview of the Bethlehem traditions in the Scriptures with a close look at David.

Cost £10 waged, £4 unwaged. Booking enquiries at 4502067.

**Arthritis Foundation**

Public lecture on Osteoporosis by Dr. Brian Mulcaby, Consultant Physician/ Rheumatologist, on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November in Jurys Hotel at 8 p.m. Admission free - all are welcome.

**Bishopstown I.C.A.**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the evening with the Gramophone Circle has now been rescheduled for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 8 p.m. in the SMA Hall Wilton.

**Cork Branch Alzheimer Society**

Carers support meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November in Jury's Hotel at 8 p.m. Please note change of address as follows: 2 N.O.F. Commercial Centre, Kilnap, Mallow Road. Tel. 439169/1/2, fax 4391693.

**Fashion Show**

Mount Mercy Transition Year students are holding their annual Fashion Show in Jurys Hotel on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November. There will be an afternoon show at 3 p.m. and an evening show at 8 p.m. tickets are available at the door, or contact the school at 4542685.

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